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SUBJECT: Confirmation of June 15, 2001, Senior Executive Committee Conference Call
Decisions (EM-ER-01-107)

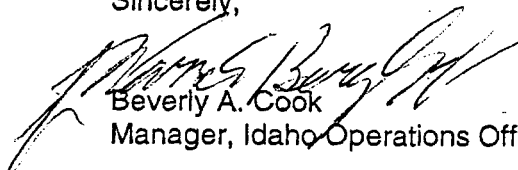
To the Senior Executive Committee:

During our conference call on June 15, 2001, the Senior Executive Committee (SEC) for the OU 7-10 schedule extension dispute agreed to extend the period for discussions at the SEC level through July 18, 2001. The team, composed of Ann Williamson, Orville Green, Warren Bergholz and Susan Stiger, agreed that a schedule for the retrieval of characteristic material from Pit 9, as required by the Interim Record of Decision, could be achieved. An integrated team with representatives from each party will meet during the extension period and develop a mutually acceptable schedule. DOE will bring to that meeting alternative approaches to getting into the pit. We will deliver to your points-of-contact, by June 25, a plan to achieve the necessary agreement.

Schedules are based on assumptions. To ensure that our discussions and planning are thorough, DOE requests a copy of the assumptions which support the recommended schedule extension in the May 23, 2001 joint agency letter. DOE is developing an agenda for the schedule meeting and a strawman project plan that will incorporate the assumptions used by the agencies and options to retrieve some portion of Pit 9 using methods other than the Stage II retrieval system. These methods may require a change in DOE assumptions, requirements and operations.

Kathleen Hain, of my staff, will be contacting your representatives to plan the schedule^d meeting.
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Sincerely,


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RECORD NOTES:

1. This letter was written as confirmation of the June 15, 2001, Senior Executive Committee Conference Call Decisions.
2. This letter was written by K. Hain (EM/ER) in coordination with L. Green (EM) and W. Bergholz (M).
3. This letter/memo closes OATS number N/A
4. The attached correspondence has no relation to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.